

MISSIONARY SERVICE.

A FORM OF PRAYER,
FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 1872;

BEING APPOINTED AS

A Day of Special Intercession

FOR AN INCREASED

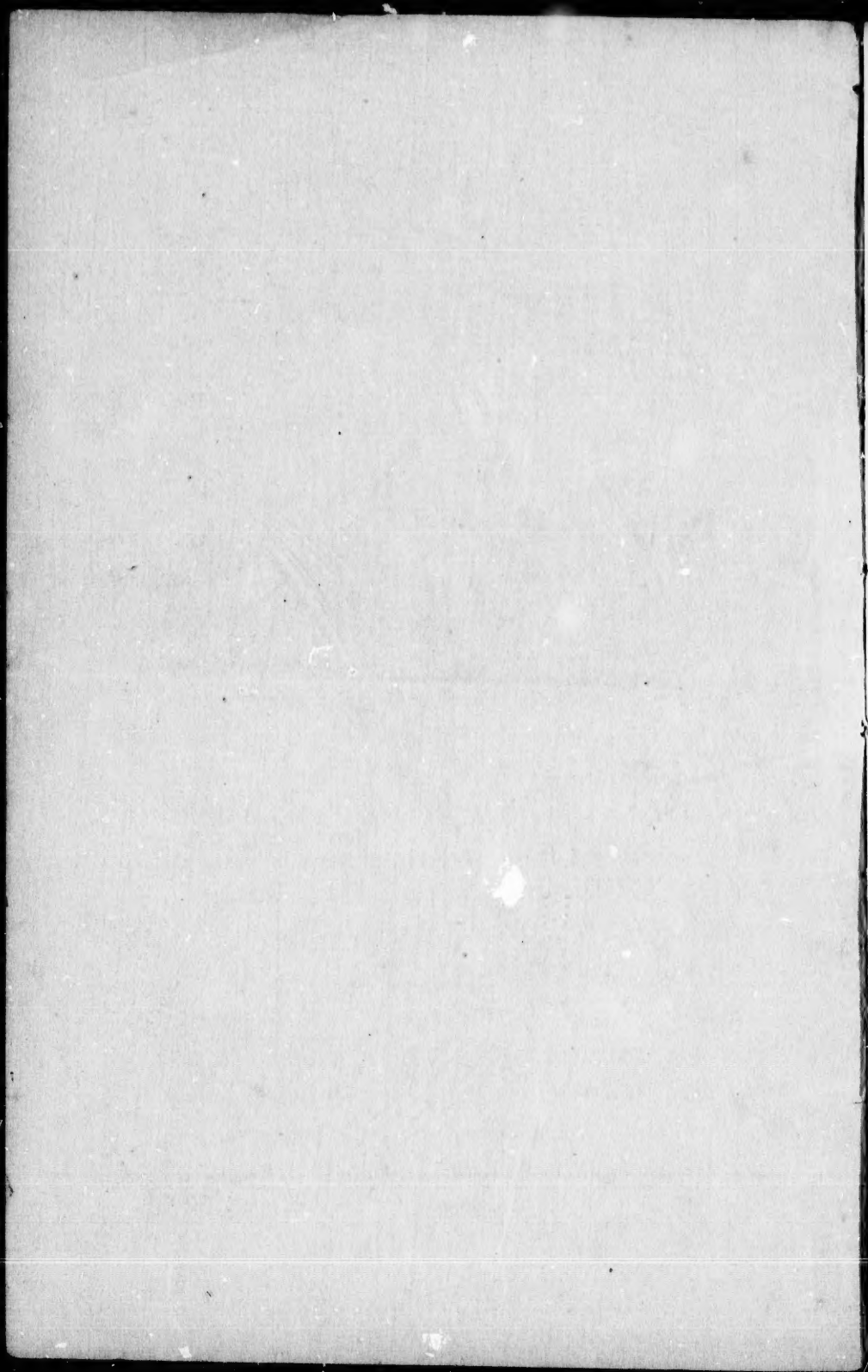
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TO THE CLERGY

OF THE

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,

You are aware that "the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," in conjunction with "the Church Missionary Society," have recommended the appointment of Friday, the 20th of December next, as a Day of United Intercession with the Lord of the Harvest for an increased supply of Missionaries; and that this proposal has received the sanction of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

We desire most heartily to co-operate with those venerable Societies in this earnest aspiration to the Throne of Grace, for the supply of a want in the Church of Christ, which at this time is so widely and deeply felt. With this view we beg to express our joint desire that the Day named for this solemn object may be devoutly and religiously observed by your respective

congregations, and that you will, on a preceding Sunday, urge upon them the duty and benefit of so observing it.

We send accompanying a Form of Prayer * to be used on the occasion.

We remain, dear Brethren,

Your faithful servants in Christ,

A. MONTREAL.

J. T. ONTARIO.

J. W. QUEBEC.

A. N. TORONTO.

I. HURON.

OTTAWA, Nov. 6, 1872.

* This Form may be had of Mr. Lovell, price 3 cents, or \$2.25 per hundred, including postage.

MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER.

Instead of the customary Sentences, two or more of the following may be read :

“ The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” Hab. ii. 14.

“ Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” S. Mark xvi. 15.

“ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace ; that bringeth good tidings of good ; that publisheth salvation ; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth.” Is. lii. 7.

“ The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few ; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send labourers into his harvest.” Matt. ix. 37, 38.

*The following CONFESSIO*N to be repeated by the whole Congregation :

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

O Most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made ; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved ; mercifully forgive us our trespasses ; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have

mercy ; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, good Lord ; spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed ; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners ; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults ; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The following CONFESSION may be also read : the People repeating it after the Minister.

O Lord, thou hast commanded us to preach thy gospel to every creature. But we have been backward in obeying thee. We confess that we have been wanting in zeal for thy glory, and the salvation of our fellow men. We have felt too little concern about the souls of others. And now, O Lord, we desire to humble ourselves before thee for this our sin. Pardon us, we beseech thee, in thy great mercy. Give us grace to be more faithful in time to come. And do thou stir up within us a more earnest desire for the salvation of souls ; for his sake who hath bought us with his own blood, even Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen.*

The ABSOLUTION, by the Priest alone.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him ; Have mercy upon you ; pardon and deliver

you from all your sins ; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness ; and bring you to everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

Instead of the VENITE, Ps. xcvi. may be said or sung.

1. O sing unto the Lord a new song : sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

2. Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name : he telling of his salvation from day to day.

3. Declare his honour unto the heathen ; and his wonders unto all people.

4. For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised : he is more to be feared than all gods.

5. As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols : but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

6. Glory and worship are before him : power and honour are in his sanctuary.

7. Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people : ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

8. Ascribe unto the Lord, the honour due unto his Name : bring presents, and come into his courts.

9. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness : let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

10. Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King : and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved ; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad : let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

12. Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it : then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

13. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth : and with righteousness to judge the world and the people with his truth.

PROPER PSALMS : ii ; xlii ; xcvi.

PROPER LESSONS : Is. xlii. 13 to 24 ; or Is. lv.

S. Matt. x. 16 to end ; or Rom. x. to v. 18.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth ; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified dead and buried, He descended into hell ; The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost ; The Holy Catholick Church ; The Communion of Saints ; The Forgiveness of sins ; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Immediately after THE CREED the following Suffrages may be used, omitting the Lord's Prayer, &c.

The Lord be with you,
And with thy Spirit.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us ;
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen ;
And mercifully hear us, when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness ;
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people ;
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord ;
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O Lord, prosper thy own work in this Diocese, and in all the world ;

And raise up faithful and true Pastors for the ministry of thy Church.

O thou Lord of the Harvest, send forth labourers into thy harvest ;

And make thy people fruitful in all good works.

Instead of the usual Prayers which follow, any or all of these Collects may be used.

1. THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

2. O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace ; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in

by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord ; that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our Calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. Let us pray for the Heathen, and all who are in error ;

O Merciful God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live, have mercy upon the Heathen, and those who are in error. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word ; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or this :

Almighty and everlasting God, who wilt have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth, mercifully hear our prayers. We plead before thee for those nations of the earth which are sitting in darkness, and in the shadow of death. Deliver them from idolatry and unbelief ; and grant that now

at length the dayspring from on high may visit them. Take the veil, we beseech thee, from off the minds of thine ancient people Israel, so that they may at length acknowledge Jesus as their true Messiah, adoring thy mercy, and rejoicing in thy salvation, through him who died for us, and rose again, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

4. Let us pray for a blessing on our Missionaries ;

Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give commandment to the holy Apostles, that they should go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, grant unto those whom thou hast called to the ministry of thy Church, in this and other lands, a ready will to obey thy word ; and fill them with a hearty desire to make thy way known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon them that have not known thee, and on the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest, have respect, we beseech thee, to our prayers, and by thy grace fit and prepare thy servants for their high and holy work. Give them the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind ; strengthen them to endure hardness ; and grant that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Hymn or Anthem may be introduced here.

5. Let us pray for our Missionary Societies ;

Almighty Saviour, who by the right hand of God art exalted, and hast received of the Father the pro-

mise of the Holy Spirit, shed forth thy light and grace on this dark world. O thou who lovest a cheerful giver, grant thy people grace that they may minister liberally of their substance to the making known of thy name throughout the world. Give thy blessing to all who are labouring to spread the knowledge of thy truth, and especially to those Missionary Societies which have ministered to the need of our Church in this Land. Prosper the work in which they are engaged, and make them the honoured instruments of spreading thy gospel, and proclaiming thy great and glorious name. Hear us, merciful Saviour, in these our prayers, and to thee, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

6. Let us pray for the Church in this Diocese ;

O Merciful God, let thine especial blessing rest upon this Diocese, in which thou hast cast our lot, and upon all the Congregations within its bounds. Bless thy servant the Bishop, and those who minister among us. Bless also the members of thy Church, and daily increase their number. Make us sound in the faith, and holy in our lives. Pour out more largely upon us the gifts of thy Holy Spirit. Revive thy work in the midst of us. Awaken the careless ; arouse the impenitent ; and lead many souls to Christ. Build up thy people in their most holy faith.

We ask thee more especially to look with favour upon this Parish. Breathe into our souls the breath of life. Make us, as a people, to be more earnest, more

holy, more heavenly-minded. Grant that a spirit of harmony and good-will may ever prevail among us. May we live together in brotherly peace and concord, and shew by the consistency of our lives that we desire to glorify thee. And, O Lord, do thou enable us so to serve thee here, that we may at length be received into thy kingdom above, for the sake, and through the merits, of Jesus Christ, our blessed and only Redeemer. *Amen.*

7. Let us pray, above all, for an increase of Labourers in the Lord's vineyard ;

O Almighty God and heavenly Father, thou hast bidden us come to thee in every time of need. Look now, we beseech thee, upon thy Church, and supply her pressing wants. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few ; O thou Lord of the harvest, we pray thee, we entreat thee, to send forth labourers into thy harvest. Move the hearts of thy servants, that they may willingly offer themselves for the blessed work of the ministry. Raise up faithful and true men from among us, men full of the Holy Ghost and of faith Inspire them with a fervent desire to make thy ways known upon earth, thy saving health unto all nations. O thou great Shepherd of the sheep, prepare them by thy Holy Spirit earnestly to feed thy flock. Thou who didst leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which was lost, make them heartily willing to be employed by thee for the saving of souls. And do thou clothe thy Priests with righteousness, and make thy Saints to sing with joyfulness. Grant him O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

8. Let us pray for those who are to be admitted into Holy Orders;

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son, mercifully look upon the same; and so guide and govern the minds of thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred ministry of thy Church. And to those which shall be ordained to any holy function give thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine, they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

9. Let us praise God for all his mercies;

Almighty God, we give thee humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We praise thee for the light of thy gospel, the labours of thy ministers, and all our religious privileges. Blessed be thy name for the love and mercy which thou hast shewn us. Make us more and more thankful for thy grace and goodness; and enable us to shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service. Above all, we bless thy holy name for those of thy Missionary servants who have cheerfully endured hardships, or have laid down their lives for thy sake, beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples. that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

10. Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee ; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests : Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them ; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and ever more. *Amen.*

THE ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Instead of the Collect for the Day, the following Collect may be again used :

O Almighty God and heavenly Father, thou hast bidden us come to thee in every time of need. Look now, we beseech thee, upon thy Church, and supply her pressing wants. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few ; O thou Lord of the harvest, we pray thee to send forth labourers into thy harvest. Move the hearts of thy servants, that they may willingly offer themselves for the blessed work of the ministry. Raise up faithful and true men from among us, men full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. Inspire them with a fervent desire to make thy

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THE EPISTLE.—Rom. x. 11 to 18. "The Scripture saith," &c.

THE GOSPEL.—S. Matt. xxii. 2 to 11. "The kingdom of heaven," &c.

The following may be used as a PROPER PREFACE for the Day :

But chiefly we would praise thee, for thy great goodness both to our souls and bodies. We thank thee for the Christian land in which we live, and the Church to which we belong. We thank thee for the many mercies we are daily receiving at thy hands, and most of all for the blessed light of thy gospel which shines upon us. For this, and all thy loving kindness, we give thanks unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, &c.

Then shall follow the usual service to the end.